

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yuuji SAIKI et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1791**

Application Number: **10/553,958**

Examiner: **Mathieu D. Vargot**

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Confirmation Number: **9974**

For: **POLARIZER, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME,
POLARIZING PLATE, OPTICAL FILM, AND IMAGE DISPLAY**

Attorney Docket Number: **053230**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 9, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 13, 2007.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), claims 1, 11-19, drawn to a polarizer, and Group (II), claims 3-9, drawn to a method of manufacturing a polarizer.

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of **Group (II), Claims 3-9** for prosecution in this application. This election is made **without traverse**, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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